

A Toolkit of Ideas for Safe, Walkable Communities



Eyes on the Street



Neighborhood Business



Integrating the Natural Environment



Places to Rest



Pedestrian Scale



Places for All



Art that Works



Celebrating Community



Healthy Environment



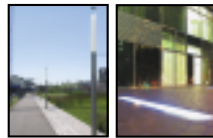
Canopy



What's in Your Neighborhood



Wayfinding



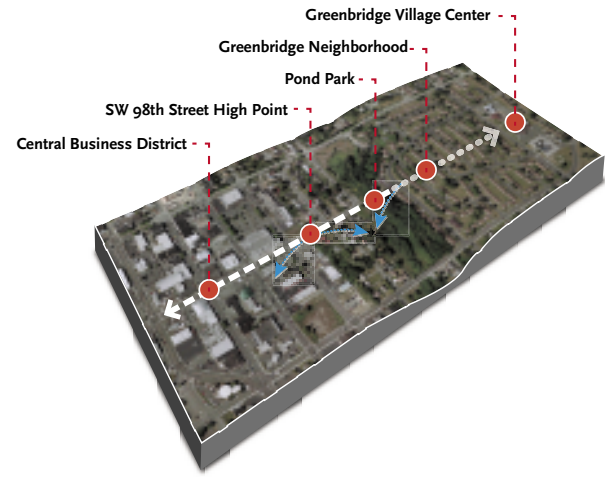
Lighting



Educational Opportunities



Accessibility



1 Central Business District: • enhance wayfinding - support neighborhood retail • buildings entries face street • strengthen pedestrian mobility and character • gateway landmark

2 Neighborhood Market: • encourage “taco truck” business • maintain open space for market business

3 Sidewalk Enhancement: • widened pedestrian zone • street tree and linear raingarden plantings • seating to provide “places to be” • enhanced safety and mobility

4 Artist Live/Work Lofts: • increased density for more “eyes” on the street • transition between commercial to residential • supporting local artists and business

5 Community Plaza: • celebrate the 98th Street high point • platform for community concerts and events • weather protection

6 Pedestrian Street: • park-like seating zones • celebrating movement of water • specialty paving, art, seating • design reflective of the natural environment

7 Residential Townhomes: • increased density for more “eyes” on the street • enhancing pedestrian scale

8 Pond Overlook & Bridge Connector: • neighborhood meeting space • covered boardwalk overlooking ponds • educational opportunities

9 Corridor Viewpoint: • plaza space at overlook with art, vertical landmark and interactive furnishings • integrated art paver lid at stormwater pond



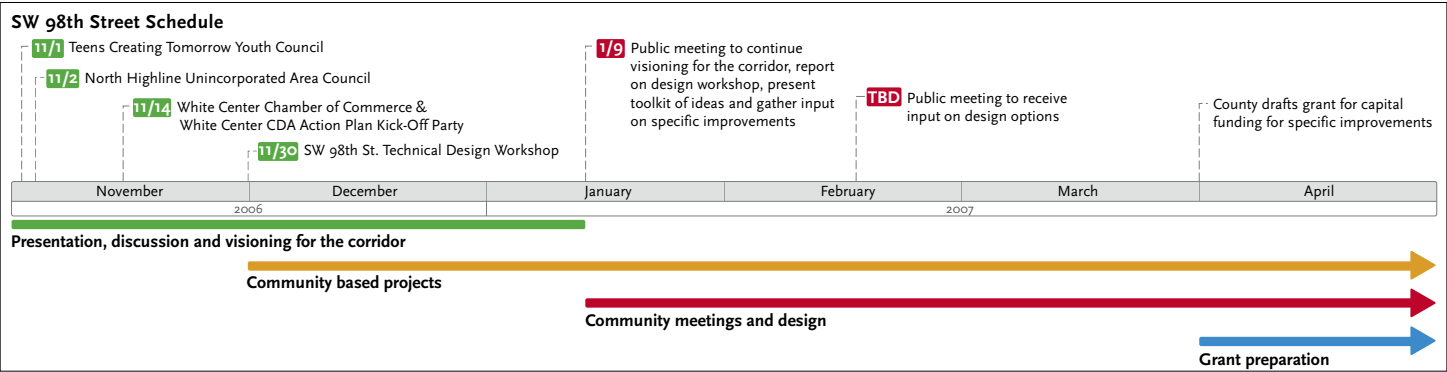
SW 98th St. Corridor Enhancement



Plan demonstrates conceptual ideas only and does not represent a final or constructible design. Community input, technical analysis, detailing and engineering of these concepts will need to be completed during the design process.

How to get involved...

- Provide feedback to the county on public improvements to the SW 98th Street corridor. Contact Marnie McGrath, King County Department of Transportation, at 684-1154 or Marnie.McGrath@metrokc.gov for more details.
- Join with the White Center Community Development Association (WCCDA) and the University of Washington to create a neighborhood plan that continues to develop the community’s vision for SW 98th Street and White Center’s future. Contact the WCCDA at 694-1082.
- Participate in the Greater White Center/S. Delridge public safety meetings to join residents in preventing crime. Contact Kathy Kaminski, Seattle Neighborhood Group, at 323-9666.
- Apply for a White Center Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) with the WCCDA to implement the changes you and your neighbors want to see in the community. Contact the WCCDA at 694-1082.
- Help restore the natural features of the White Center Pond by participating in community events to remove invasive species and plant native vegetation. Contact Mary Wohleb, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 296-8028.
- WALK...leave your car behind, gather your neighbors and explore your neighborhood on foot. Strengthen the culture of walking in White Center.



Join us in making White Center a safe, walkable and healthy community!



In 2005, King County spearheaded a land use and transportation study (Land Use, Transportation, Air Quality and Health Study) that shows people who live in ‘walkable’, compact communities are typically more physically active and healthier. The County Executive is using the lessons learned from this study to promote and develop healthier communities.

White Center has many assets that encourage walking. But, it lacks a safe and pedestrian friendly corridor to connect its newest neighborhood, Greenbridge, to the services, shopping and transit opportunities in the central business district.

Over the last several months, county staff have met with community groups and residents to start identifying strategies to restore the connection through the White Center Pond and Natural Area to SW 98th Street and to add amenities that promote walking and biking. Some of the comments received to date have included adding lighting, slowing traffic, incorporating art and landscaping, creating destinations and ensuring improvements reflect the diversity of the community. Above all, residents have expressed the need to prioritize safety.

A Technical Design Workshop was held on November 30, 2006 to solicit creative ideas from community members, artists, local government representatives, design experts and development professionals on how best to incorporate community priorities into design solutions for the corridor. The “toolkit” of ideas presented in this handout highlights some of the design principles discussed at the workshop and shows ways these principles may be applied in the SW 98th Street corridor. The “toolkit” will serve as a resource to guide county investments in the corridor and to support other efforts to make the SW 98th Street corridor and White Center safe, walkable and healthy!

Check out the “toolkit” of ideas inside, and flip to the back for ideas on how you can be involved.